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Twitter leak leads to Crayola announcing, a day early, that it's retiring the colour dandelion yellow.

Our dinosaurs are safe from thieves

MUSEUM

...says expert, after giant coin stolen in Germany

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
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Don't worry, it's a lot less likely that a thief will steal a ROM dinosaur. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If the idea of art theft conjures images of Vincent Cassel artfully combining dance and martial arts to shimmy past lasers and nick a jewelled egg in Ocean's Twelve, keep dreaming.

Though thieves in Berlin successfully made off with a 100-kilogram gold coin from the Bode Museum earlier this week, houses of art and artifacts don't exactly need to add extra lasers any time soon.

The market for fine art is not what Thomas Crown would have you believe, say experts.

"This is an isolated incident," Mark Starling, president of fine art exhibition and transport company PACART, told Metro. "The days of To Catch A Thief are really not that frequent in the industry."

The coin theft was strategic, he said, with the gold potentially more valuable if it was melted down.

"The ROM probably doesn't have to worry that someone's going to go in and steal one of the mummies or dinosaurs," he said. "If they've got raw gold sitting around, I'd be more careful about that."

Requests for comment from the Royal Ontario Museum and Art Gallery of Ontario were not returned before press time, though experts say it's no surprise they wouldn't want to divulge security details.

Unsophisticated criminals carry out most theft from galleries and museums, experts say, and often the culprits are employees who either wrongly believe they can easily resell the goods or simply took a shining to a piece.

> **You don't steal a car then drive it around the neighbourhood looking for a buyer.**
> Chris Mathers

International law enforcement agencies and art traders alike are on high alert for stolen goods, making recognizable art a bad gamble for potential thieves, says Chris Mathers, a security consultant and former organized crime specialist with the RCMP.

"If you can't sell it, why steal it," he said. "You don't steal a car then drive it around the neighbourhood looking for a buyer."

WORKPLACE CULTURE

Millennials seek more mental health services

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Millennials are more likely than other generations to seek and use mental health services from their workplace, according to a new survey from Centennial College and the non-profit CivicAction.

An Angus Reid survey of 1,521 adults found almost two-thirds of millennials expect to access mental health services at work. Lindsay Balbirnie, a Centennial College public relations student who worked on project, said they commissioned the survey to shed light on the mental health issues in the workplace.

"What we wanted to do was kind of draw the attention to the employers who would be hiring," she said.

Sarah Harris, communications director for CivicAction, said many millennials are in "a big transition point" at the beginning of their careers, which can be tough.

"You look at youth unemployment rates and things like that, it's definitely not easy for young people to find their footing in life," she said.

As well, many younger people are more willing to talk honestly about mental health challenges than their parents and grandparents, as attitudes around mental illness start to change.

> **it's definitely not easy for young people to find their footing in life.**
> Sarah Harris

Harris said many employers want to offer mental health services but don't know where to start.

CivicAction offers a free, quick tool to help employers find what resources are best for their workforce called MindsMatter.

"There's actually so many different services and resources out there, but it's almost like an ocean," Harris said.

64%

Millennials are more likely (64 per cent) than Generation X (48 per cent) and Baby Boomers (42 percent) to ask about mental health services provided by employers when applying for a job

43%

They are also more likely to use mental health services provided by a business (43 per cent vs. 33 per cent for Generation X and 15 per cent for Baby Boomers)

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Toronto DIGEST

Police investigate crash
Police are working to understand the cause of a deadly head-on collision in Caledonia on Wednesday evening as two First Nations communities mourn the loss of two young girls and a man. Grace King, 12, and Waagosh Secord, 14, from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation were pronounced dead at the scene, Ontario Provincial Police said.
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Alleged child-lurer sought by authorities
Police are looking for a man wanted in a child-luring investigation involving a 12-year-old boy at a Toronto Public Library. The suspect is described as a man, 18 to 20, five-foot-10, with a thin build and black hair shaved on the sides. He was wearing black Adidas track pants, a black jacket and a shirt with a Blue Jays logo on it. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-1100. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vacant homes eyed to dull housing prices
The province and city are eyeing a tax on vacant houses and condos to address soaring real estate prices that are putting the squeeze on home ownership and rental vacancies in Toronto.
The tax would be one way of curbing the property speculation that many believe is behind the growing crunch on affordability.
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Grade 10 students write low-tech literacy test
Grade 10 students wrote a low-tech version of the provincial literacy test Thursday morning — using pen and paper — after a cyberattack last fall forced its cancellation. The Education and Quality and Accountability Office has confirmed the digital version of the test on Oct. 20 was targeted by hackers in what's called a sustained distributed denial of service attack.
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THE VOTE COUNTER Explain Yourself

The motion: Council was asked to show symbolic support for a provincial bill that would introduce rent control on apartment units built after 1991.

The result: The motion passed, 32–11. John Tory voted against it.

The explanation: We asked the mayor why he opposed the motion. "I think the way to make public policy and to decide what to do about affordable rents is not to pass a motion at city council sending along your commendation to a private member's bill from an opposition member of the Legislature without really thinking this through."

Coun. Michelle Holland is championing a proposal that would require all boards of private companies that get city contracts to have at lease 30 per cent women. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Step closer to helping women join boards

BUSINESS

City could limit contracts to firms that meet gender rule

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Toronto City Council is one step closer to mandating that boards of companies awarded city contracts have at least 30 per cent women.

A motion for staff to study and report back on the idea passed late Wednesday, despite the objections of a vocal minority of councillors.

Holland called the lack of women or corporate boards "another glass ceiling," and the new suggested policy "a strong carrot."

Metro has reported extensively on the lack of women on corporate boards, including the fact that women hold an average of only 13 per cent of board positions on companies listed on the Toronto Stock exchange, according to a recent report from business law firm Osler.

Adding women to boards not only gives the corporations a "diversity of perspectives" but can also help women add to their resumes, Holland said.

"It helps those women to get to the C-suite to become CEOs," she said.

Coun. Karygiannis, one of five members of council who voted against the motion, told Metro he opposes it for putting "too much government oversight" on private corporations.

He questioned what it would mean for very small boards of family-run businesses.

"It opens up a Pandora's box," he said.

But Holland said change is needed to address how the overwhelming numbers of "pale, stale and male" corporate board members, tend to hire people like them, despite the number of qualified women out there.

She said staff will look at whether such a regulation has been put into place anywhere else, as well as the best way to implement the policy.

"If nothing else is working to get the corporate sector to move, maybe this will," she said.

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URBAN CANOPY

City may spray from above for tree chomping gypsy moths

May Warren
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Gypsy moths prefer to dine on oak trees. THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR FILE

The very hungry caterpillars are coming.

Gypsy moths are poised for an invasion this summer, according to city staff.

Matthew Cutler, spokesperson for Parks, Forestry and Recreation, told Metro that staff have analyzed the numbers of the pests collected last fall and predict they'll reach infestation levels this summer or next.

The moth's pesky caterpillars prefer chomping on oak leaves but will also dine on maple, spruce, birch and aspen foliage.

In the forest, a tree might be able to survive the threat, Cutler said. But in an urban environment, where trees are already stressed from traffic and construction, "it's really risky" and could be fatal.

"We might have 10,000 gypsy moths in a hectare normally, but when we get to peak infestation there might even be 10,000 in a tree," said Cutler.

"There's a lot of bugs in one place," he said. "The whole tree gets taken over."

To deal with the problem, staff are asking the Parks and Environment Committee to approve a spring pre-emptive strike.

They recommend spraying 135 hectares of land in Etobicoke and Parkdale/High Park by helicopter with a substance called Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies kurstaki (Btk).

When the caterpillars ingest the bacteria they can no longer digest food and they starve. But is not harmful to people, other animals, or the trees, Cutler said.

Staff recommend ground spraying, tree injection and mass egg removal be done at trouble spots within the same areas.

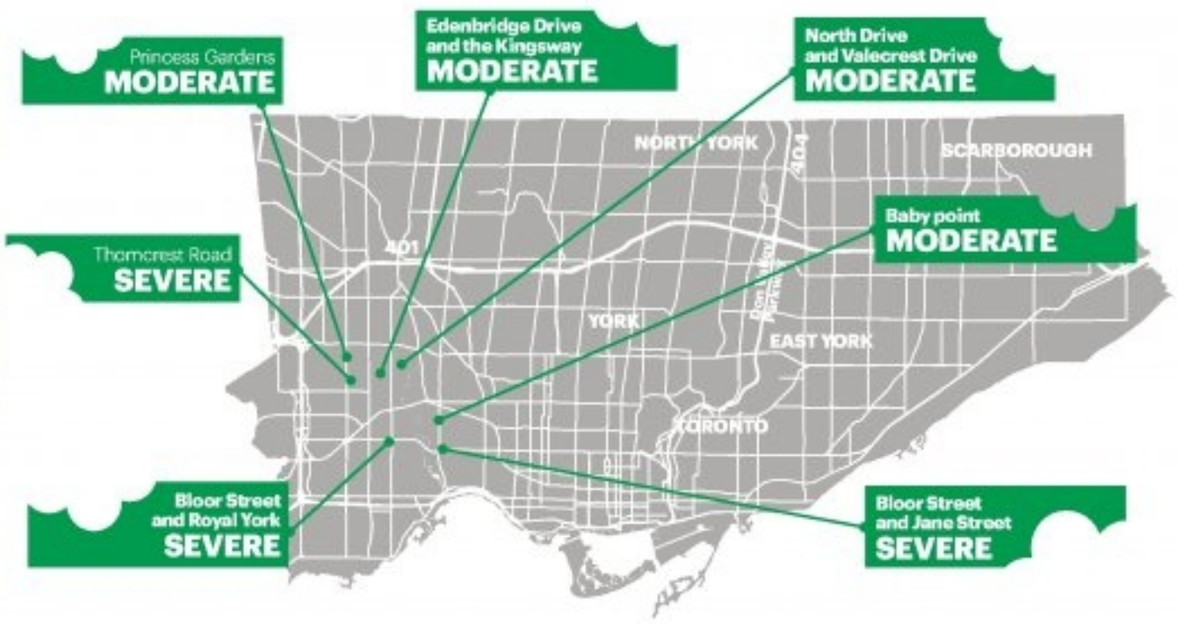
Cutler said the pests have a natural breeding cycle in which they peak about every 7-10 years.

The species causes headaches for homeowners as they make netting in trees, which turns backyard barbeques into fire hazards, he added.

Janet McKay, executive director of the tree non-profit LEAF, said Toronto's trees would better withstand pests like gypsy moths if the urban canopy was better taken care of.

"We can be doing things like preventing other stresses, making sure trees aren't suffering any root damage from things like digging and construction," she said.

The last time the city did this kind of mass spray program against the moths was in 2013.



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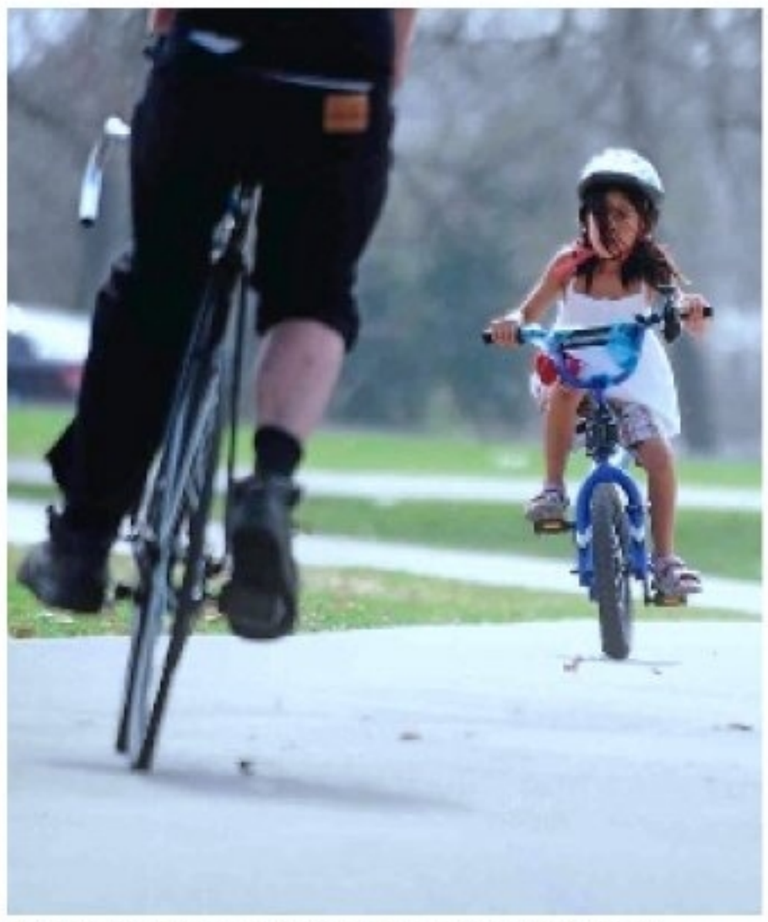
The moths are an invasive species first introduced to North America from Europe in 1869. Their Latin name is the straight-from-Harry-Potter Lymantria dispar.



New leisure bike rentals in the Beaches could include children's bikes and tandem bikes, depending on the bidder, said the local councillor. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Bikes rollin' into Beaches

LEISURE

City invites plans for rental stand in park

Sarah-Joyce Battersby
Metro | Toronto

Day-trippers to The Beaches can soon be riding in style.

The city has issued a request for proposals to run a bike rental stand in Ashbridges Bay Park, similar to the one on the Toronto Islands.

"The Beach is like Muskoka to a lot of people, because not everybody has a cottage," said local councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon.

Unlike the city's Bike Share program, which serves part of the public transit network, these bikes will be for leisurely waterfront jaunts.

McMahon would like to see some of the more whimsical designs island cyclists enjoy, like tandem bikes and six-seaters with canopies, though ultimately those details are up to the bidder.

The rentals fit into bigger picture plans to liven up The Beaches and build the area's cycling network, she said, with the Martin Goodman Trail stretching along the shore and bike lanes planned on Woodbine Ave.

Jared Kolb, executive director of Cycle Toronto, says the proposed system would complement Bike Share, a system is designed, and billed, based on 30-minute trips. Anything longer and "people get dinged," he said, adding unsuspecting cyclists pedal the hulking bikes as far afield as south Etobicoke and along Queen Street East.

A rental system would cater to those tourists and recreational users that want to ride for a few hours.

"A bicycle is one of the best ways to see the city, especially looking at the waterfront and being able to explore the natural heritage," Kolb said.

He adds that other private rentals exist along the waterfront, and bike shops also often offer short-term rental services.

The request for bids calls to have a system — stretching from Balmy Beach in the east to Cherry Beach in the Port Lands and out along the Leslie Street Spit — up and running by May 1 and operating until October.

> **The Beach is like Muskoka to a lot of people.**
> Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

POLICE

Man charged over 'witchcraft'

A man who calls himself "Master Raghav" has been charged with witchcraft, extortion and fraud after allegedly charging a Toronto man $101,000 to remove an evil spirit.

Toronto police say the offences took place in February and March 2017, when Master Raghav advertised his services as an astrologer and psychic.

A 44-year-old man seeking psychic services was told by Master Raghav that a sick family member had fallen victim to an evil spirit, which could be removed for $101,000.

Murali Muthyalu, 37, of India has been charged with witchcraft, extortion and fraud.

Police say the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to 416-808-5500, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), online at www.222tips.com, or text TOR and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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Murali Muthyalu. COURTESY TORONTO POLICE

IN BRIEF

SIU investigating crash

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating a two-car crash involving a taxi in Scarborough Thursday morning. The collision happened at Scarborough Golf Club Rd. and Lawrence Ave. E. Toronto police were following a driver who continued to flee by turning onto Scarborough Golf Club Rd. and colliding with a taxi. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Walking 'a tricky line'

SEX ASSAULT

Legal expert weighs in on defence tactics vs. complainant

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

How far defence lawyers can go in questioning the credibility of a sexual-assault complainant, and how much they were drinking, is a "tricky line," one Halifax expert says.

Wayne MacKay, Dalhousie University law professor, said he felt "disappointment" to see another taxi sexual-assault case in court this week involving Saher Hamdan, less than a month after cabbie Bassam Al-Rawi was acquitted by Judge Gregory Lenehan. The controversial acquittal drew national attention and is being appealed.

"That is troubling, because one would hope that taxis are safe places to be," MacKay said Thursday.

In Hamdan's case, the 19-year-old passenger testified in court Wednesday the driver rubbed her leg a few times without her consent, reached between her legs to pull a latch and slide back her seat and asked if he could kiss her the evening of July 15, 2016.

A woman protests in Halifax earlier this month over Judge Gregory Lenehan's decision to find a Halifax taxi driver not guilty in a high-profile sexual assault case. JEFF HARPER/METRO HALIFAX

Defence lawyer John O'Neill extensively cross-examined the complainant on where her feet were in the cab at different points and said it was a "significant" point whether her leg was on the dashboard as she said in July or propped on the inner side compartment of the door, which she said Wednesday.

Many readers commented on social media that they felt it was also irrelevant O'Neill questioned the woman at length about what she was drinking at the bar, and how much, before getting in the cab.

Even though the public conversation is shifting away from what a woman was drinking or wearing when an alleged assault occurs, MacKay said the defence has a duty to represent their clients to the "fullest extent of the law" while remaining ethical and respectful.

Defence lawyers cannot "unduly push" the law as they try to find inconsistencies or problems with the credibility of a complainant, MacKay said, and must follow modern restrictions like not asking about someone's sexual history.

> **That is troubling, because one would hope that taxis are safe places to be.**
> Wayne MacKay

And although a complainant's general pattern of drinking is a "problematic" line of questioning, MacKay said how much she was drinking before an alleged assault is "fair game."

"That could affect her recollections ... as long as it doesn't cross the line into suggesting she was a drunk or drunk most of the time, which are more of a personality attack," MacKay said. "It's a tricky line."

Although the defence may focus on a complainant's credibility and drinking, MacKay said, it's really important that society focuses on what the accused person did to produce a sexual-assault situation.

BREXIT

Talks with U.K. 'informal'

Canada and Britain are holding informal free-trade talks, even though Britain is barred from direct negotiations before it formalizes its Brexit divorce from the European Union.

International Trade Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne said Thursday Canada isn't breaking any EU rules by doing that.

His comment comes one day after the president of the European Parliament warned Britain against any unilateral action, including trade talks, before it formalizes its departure, after serving written notice this week to negotiate its departure from the 28-country bloc.

Champagne said he's met three times with his British counterpart, Liam Fox, while their officials are also talking because continuing a trading relationship is in the best interest of both countries.

"We are working, respecting established rules, pursuant to EU law as well, but we are having informal talks with our British partners," the minister told the Senate trade committee on Thursday.

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NEWFOUNDLAND 'PRAYING' POLAR BEAR STUNS PHOTOGRAPHER Jessica Andrews was scanning through dozens of photos she took of a polar bear roaming around her backyard when she came across one that stopped her in her tracks. The large animal was squatting beneath a white cross, its paws together and raised skyward as it looked up in a seemingly reverential pose. "When I started to go through to edit them, oh my God, I was like, 'Holy crap, he's praying!'" the 22-year-old said from her home in Wesleyville, a shoreline community on Newfoundland's central coast. JESSICA ANDREWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MILITARY

General denies cashflow troubles

The country's top soldier has pushed back on suggestions the armed forces is struggling from a lack of cash, saying he's not convinced it is making the most of the money it already gets.

Yet chief of defence staff Gen. Jonathan Vance says he is also eager to see the government's new defence policy, which has promised to put the military on a strong financial footing over the long term.

"The here and now is fine, we're delivering," Vance said in an interview with The Canadian Press. "But going forward, that's when the government committed to sustainable, progressive armed forces."

The question of military spending has taken on a life of its own over the last year, after U.S. President Donald Trump called on NATO allies to contribute more to their own defence.

Gen. Jonathan Vance
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada currently spends about one per cent of its GDP on defence, which is half the agreed-upon NATO target of two per cent and puts it in the bottom half among the allies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

An iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland in February 2016. An iceberg the size of a small office building came close to a Husky oil platform Wednesday morning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Underfunding takes children from homes

British Columbia's Indigenous kids are being removed from their homes and placed in care because of underfunding from both provincial and federal governments, says the province's representative for children and youth.

Bernard Richard said current funding models mean agencies that support aboriginal families are unlikely to provide the same level of help compared with services at B.C.'s Ministry of Children and Family Development, resulting in a two-tiered system.

The province's confusing funding arrangements with 23 agencies delegated to help Indigenous families also result in inequitable services for children depending on where they live, he said Thursday after releasing a report on problems with service delivery.

> **Removing children from their homes has a devastating effect.**
> Office of Indian Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett

The report quoted a ministry plan saying an Indigenous child is nearly 17 times more likely to be in care compared with a non-Indigenous child.

"The fact that 62 per cent of the kids in care are Indigenous in a province where they represent less than 10 per cent of the child population is unacceptable," Richard said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil platform nearly gets Titanic treatment

NEWFOUNDLAND

Husky says crew was ready for potential disconnect

A floating oil platform off Newfoundland has had a near-miss with an iceberg the size of a small office building.

Husky Energy said a "medium size" iceberg came within 180 metres of the SeaRose FPSO at about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We had an iceberg pass close by our production facility," Husky's Colleen McConnell said Thursday.

"We've been monitoring this particular piece of ice for awhile. It changed direction at about two in the morning, and we obviously had to respond quickly."

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board described the iceberg as 40 metres wide, 60 metres long and standing eight metres above the waterline.

The massive, 270-metre SeaRose is Husky's lone oil-producing asset in the area. Built in 2004, the red-hulled, ship-like vessel can also store up to 940,000 barrels. The board says Husky de-pressurized production wells and flushed flowlines with treated seawater, while the crew mustered in preparation for a potential disconnect.

> **We've had a very busy number of days.**
> Colleen McConnell

But the iceberg passed without incident and was more than 500 metres away by 6 a.m.

The board says it is discussing the near-miss with Husky.

Icebergs are monitored constantly in the area, about 350 kilometres east of St. John's in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, McConnell said.

She said Husky uses satellite monitoring and dedicated surveillance flights to monitor for icebergs in what has been a busy season for them.

"There have been a number of icebergs in the area, we've been monitoring and managing those," she said. "Certainly, we've had a very busy number of days." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FOCUS ON FAMINE

DAY 5: Nigeria

Women and young girls wash clothes while others collect water in one of the hosting communities for internally displaced people in Maiduguri, Nigeria. Women and children have suffered most from the Boko Haram insurgency. Many of them are suffering from food insecurity and a lack of clean water and medical care. GETTY IMAGES

Situation not 'unsolvable'

United Nations warns that more than five million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe are facing a food emergency

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The trip was meant to instill some hope in an otherwise dire environment. Instead, it left Nene Akinten with serious concerns about the future.

"It was a very bad situation, but I could tell it was going to get worse," said Akinten, an Oakville resident originally from Nigeria.

Last year she teamed up with members of Relief International Nigeria Women in Diaspora to collect donations for the country's internally displaced people. With her three kids, they visited four camps and spent days tutoring children and interacting with people who had fled both the Boko Haram violence and starvation.

It was a "gloomy" experience, said Akinten. Malnutrition was rampant. Subsisting on donations, no one could afford three meals a day. She heard people were already dying from lack of food in the northeastern states.

Now her fears have been confirmed. The United Nations has warned over five million people in Adamawa, Borno and Yobe face a food emergency, and famine could break out by June. Insecurity is a big part of the problem, as close to two million residents have been forced out of their households and can no longer work on farming.

"If you don't die from hunger then these Boko Haram people will kill you. It's crazy," said Mustapha Daodu, an Edmonton-based reggae musician. Some of his family members still live in Borno, and he regularly sends money to support them.

"I'm really worried this whole famine will spread to the rest of the country very soon," he added.

Katherine Clark, who recently returned from a four-month assignment with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in northeast Nigeria, said the conflict has damaged infrastructure and made it difficult for people to access humanitarian aid.

"These aren't unsolvable problems," she said. "I don't think anybody should really go hungry in the world today."

Nene Akinten, centre in green, visited four camps last year as part of an effort to help those affected by food shortages in northeast Nigeria. CONTRIBUTED

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U.S. President Donald Trump reacts with Secretary Tom Price and Vice President Mike Pence after Republicans abruptly pulled their health-care bill from the House floor on March 24. GETTY IMAGES

Republican name game

Those on the right seem to think Trump is doing fine

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

It was revealed, as U.S. President Donald Trump's kindergarten collage of a health-care bill collapsed last week under the warm reception of a toenail-clippings sandwich, that many Trump voters have an unusual malady.

They cannot comprehend that one bill could have two names. Many, upon hearing that the Republicans were going to repeal the Affordable Care Act and strip them of access to expanded Medicaid last week, balked. You see, they thought it was Obamacare that was supposed to get the heave-ho. They didn't realize they were the same thing.

Let's give a round of applause for Fox News. The natural home of the Republican party and anti-Obamacare sentiment. The network synonymous with sexual assault lawsuits might be viewed among some Canadians as an unfortunate quirk of the U.S. media landscape, a bit of discolouring on an otherwise perfectly serviceable dress.

It is not.

Or rather, Fox News is the acid spew that threatens to ruin the entire thing: It is the most-watched news network in the U.S., and growing. The Los Angeles Times reported in late December that year-end numbers showed that "Fox News Channel was the most-watched network in all of cable with an average of 2.43 million viewers in prime time, up 36 per cent over last year."

Certainly, there's a distinction to be made between the thousands of local news reporters and programs, and the national news reporting teams, and people like Bill O'Reilly, the grubby-faced Fox News star.

But it is O'Reilly's brand of ... loyalty, to use Trump's favourite word, that currently characterizes the American right. This week, the president faced the kind of approval ratings you'd reserve mostly for people who don't pick up after their dogs: 36 per cent by March 24, according to Gallup.

Among Republicans, however, his support is soaring around the 90 per cent mark, down only 5 per cent week-to-week after the health-care bill flopped.

To recap: The president with an historically low overall approval rating is doing just fine, according to his base, according to polls. Certainly, we know enough at this point not to take polling at the same face value that you reserve for your tarot cards, but the sentiment — that some Trump voters believe he's doing a good job, and everything wrong in his first few months is someone else's fault — has been borne out by reporting. When radio-God-among-us Tom Ashbrook took his call-in show to Miami in mid-March, an older man who voted for Trump put it this way: "If (the democrats) allow him to do what he has in mind, he may be one of the best presidents in terms of bringing the economy back like it's supposed to be, that we've ever had."

Meanwhile, Breitbart News is gunning for Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, publishing every bad bit of news they can find on the GOP bill under the banner of "Ryancare."

At this rate, Trump might end up becoming the only president ever impeached, whilst entirely innocent. According to some.

Global digest

GERMANY

Far-right urges supporters to infiltrate police

A far-right party is urging its supporters to join the police force in the German state of Saxony to obtain information about migrants accused of committing crimes.

SYRIA

Number of Syrian refugees tops 5 million mark

The number of Syrians who have fled their country has surpassed the 5-million mark, the UNHCR said Thursday. A year ago at Geneva conference participating countries pledged to "resettle and facilitate pathways for 500,000 refugees" from Syria.

UNITED STATES

Judge extends temporary order

A U.S. judge in Hawaii is keeping U.S. President Donald Trump's travel ban on hold while the state's lawsuit works its way through the courts.

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LAWSUIT

Airbus allegedly negligent in Halifax crash

Airbus's negligence contributed to a crash landing at Halifax Stanfield International Airport two years ago, Air Canada claims in a lawsuit against the French aircraft manufacturer.

In a statement of claim filed in Nova Scotia Supreme Court, Air Canada said Airbus SAS failed to identify shortcomings of the Airbus 320. The document said it did not advise that in certain conditions, the plane's flight path angle could be affected by external forces. It also claims Airbus failed to incorporate a warning system to alert pilots to a deviation from the planned flight path.

"(Airbus) failed to provide adequate and/or accurate information as to how pilots should correct a deviation in the flight path in circumstances where manual intervention was required," the March 28 claim said.

"(Airbus) failed to provide adequate and/or accurate information.
Air Canada statement of claim

None of the allegations have been proven.

The statement of claim does not specify an amount for damages, but says: "(Air Canada) pleads that (Airbus) was negligent and that its negligence caused or contributed to the damages claimed."

"Damages claimed herein include the damage sustained by the aircraft and other expenses related to the subject incident," it said.

Airbus did not return a request for comment Thursday and has not filed a statement of defence. Air Canada declined to comment.

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McDonald's says it will swap frozen beef patties for fresh ones in its Quarter Pounder burgers by sometime in 2018 at most of its U.S. locations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh beef coming to McDonald's

FOOD

Chain will begin to offer option in 2018 at U.S. stores

Coming soon to McDonald's: Fresh beef.

The fast food giant said Thursday that it will swap frozen beef patties for fresh ones in its Quarter Pounder burgers by sometime next year at most of its U.S. locations. It's a major change for McDonald's, which has relied on frozen beef for more than 40 years. Employees will cook up the never-frozen beef on a grill when burgers are ordered.

"It's a really hot, juicy burger," said McDonald's USA President Chris Kempczinski.

Fresh beef has been the biggest selling point at rival Wendy's. Yet there are larger forces at work that have prompted other menu changes at McDonald's, known for decades more for the billions of people served than its culinary choices. The world's largest hamburger chain has been trying to improve its image as more people shun processed foods.

"Fresh, just as a word and a concept, still carries so much weight for customers," said Robert Byrne, the senior manager of consumer insights at Technomic, a food industry market research firm. He believes the move to fresh beef will likely drive more people to the Golden Arches and help boost its image slightly.

Big Macs and other hamburgers will still be made with frozen beef. But Kempczinski said McDonald's is open to making changes to more of its menu items.

While the announcement drew wide attention, McDonald's shares were little changed Thursday, up less than 1 per cent to close at $129.32.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter eases 140-character limit in replies

Twitter has found more creative ways to ease its 140-character limit without officially raising it.

Now, the company says that when you reply to someone — or to a group — usernames will no longer count toward those 140 characters. This will be especially helpful with group conversations, where replying to two, three or more users at a time could be especially difficult with the character constraints.

When users reply, the names of the people they are replying to will be on top of the text of the actual tweet, rather than a part of it. Last year, Twitter said it would stop counting photos, videos, quote tweets, polls and GIF animations toward the character limit. Twitter also said it would stop counting usernames, but the change did not go into effect until now.

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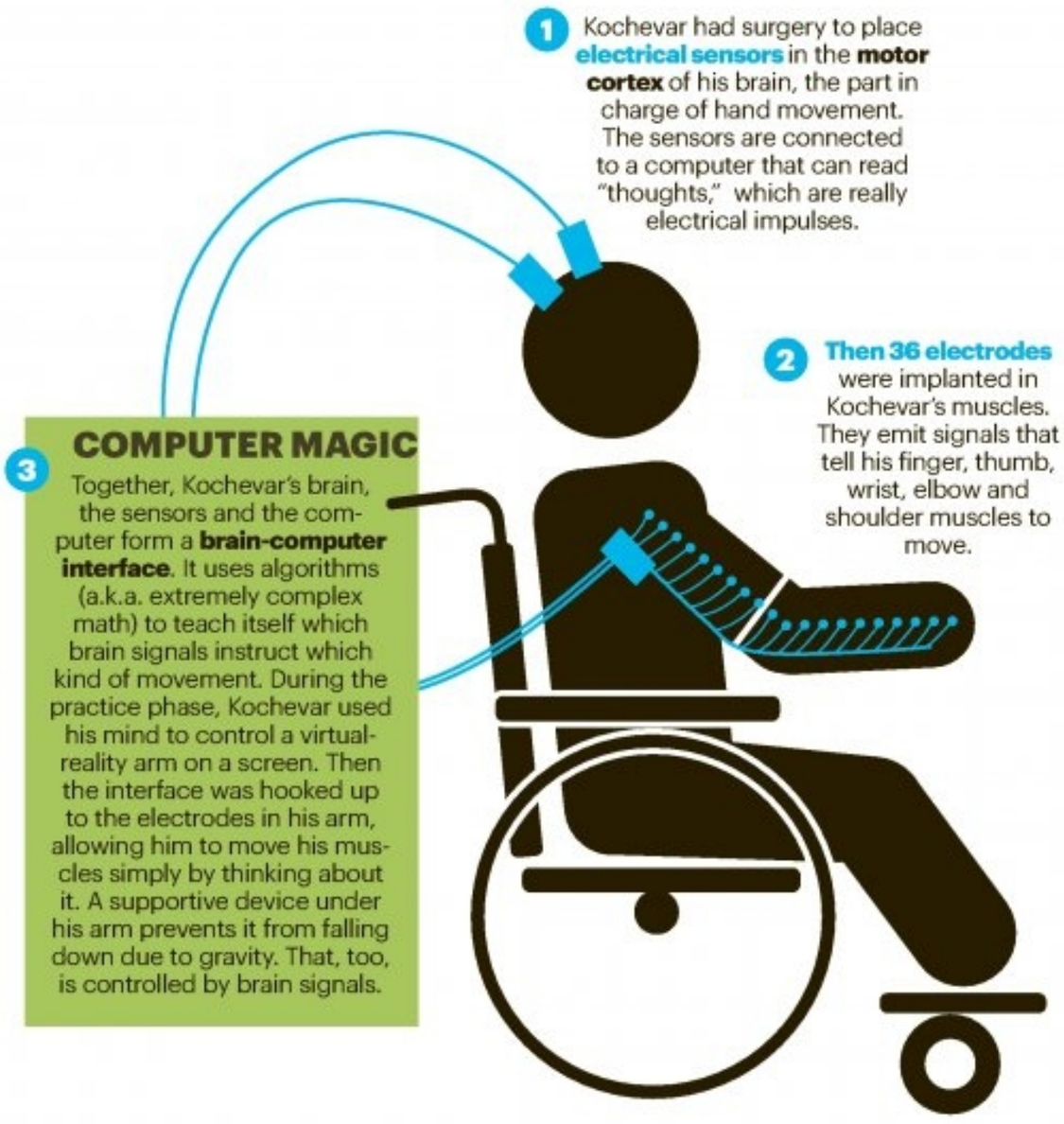
Your essential science news

Roaring back? Two credible sightings have scientists out looking for the Tasmanian tiger, believed extinct since 1936

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

MOVING HIS HAND WITH HIS MIND

Eight years ago, Bill Kochevar's bicycle collided with the back of a mail truck and his life changed forever. He was paralyzed from the tops of his shoulders down. But now his hand can reach and grasp again. He can feed himself and sip a cup of coffee. And he does it exactly the same way able-bodied people do: Intuitively, just by thinking about it.



REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

See videos of Bill's bionic hand at metronews.ca

This one-person study, published this week in the journal The Lancet, is the first time brain sensors and muscle electrodes have been used at the same time to restore reaching and grasping movements to a person with complete paralysis. The technology is not ready for use outside the lab, but that hasn't quelled Kochevar's enthusiasm. He told the journal, **"I'm still wowed every time I do something. I ate a pretzel. I drank water."**

FINDINGS
Your week in science

PLAYING CHICKEN WITH JUPITER

It's name is BeeZed, and it's one gutsy little asteroid. A new University of Western Ontario study found the object is orbiting the sun in the opposite direction of other asteroids in its neighbourhood (picture a car driving the wrong way down the highway, with 6,000 cars coming in the other direction), and its path takes it dangerously close to Jupiter. But it hasn't collided because it's thrown off, thankfully, by the giant planet's gravity.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Epigenetics is the study of how genes are switched on and off. You can't change the genetic code you inherited from your parents. But your environment can change how genes are expressed.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Carlos's identical twin is a faster runner and has a higher IQ than him. They have the same genetic code, so those differences are probably due to **epigenetics**.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Famine isn't over when it's over

Twenty million people are at risk of starvation as famines sweep Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan.

Canadians, richly blessed as we are, should be giving more than our fair share to help stop the suffering — for the sake of the victims, their children and even their grandkids.

That's because when the immediate crisis passes, it won't actually be in the past. An emerging body of science shows starvation leaves invisible scars, layered on the genes of famine victims.

Starvation and nutrient deficiency profoundly alter our body chemistry, including by disturbing the precisely regulated process of turning particular genes on and off at particular times. This DNA on/off switch is called **methylation** — a process of sticking certain molecules onto genes to change their function.

We don't exactly know why methylation gets messed up during starvation, but we've seen the results: Poor health outcomes among people who live through famine. It's especially acute for children whose mothers were starved during pregnancy. And those changes can be passed on. Tragically, history has left researchers with no shortage of natural experiments.

Children who were in the womb during the Dutch Hunger Winter of 1944-1945 grew up to have higher risk of heart disease, obesity and schizophrenia. Their children were more likely to be born too small, yet grew up to suffer disproportionately from obesity.

Children of mothers who lived through China's calamitous 1959-1961 famine suffer from hyperglycemia at double the normal rate. The same is true of their children. Research on victims of the 1974-1975 famine in Bangladesh suggests this effect may be due to methylation of the PAX8 gene, which regulates the thyroid and is involved in metabolism.

I could go on. But do you really need another reason to support famine relief?

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More Life is the soundtrack to an evolving music industry

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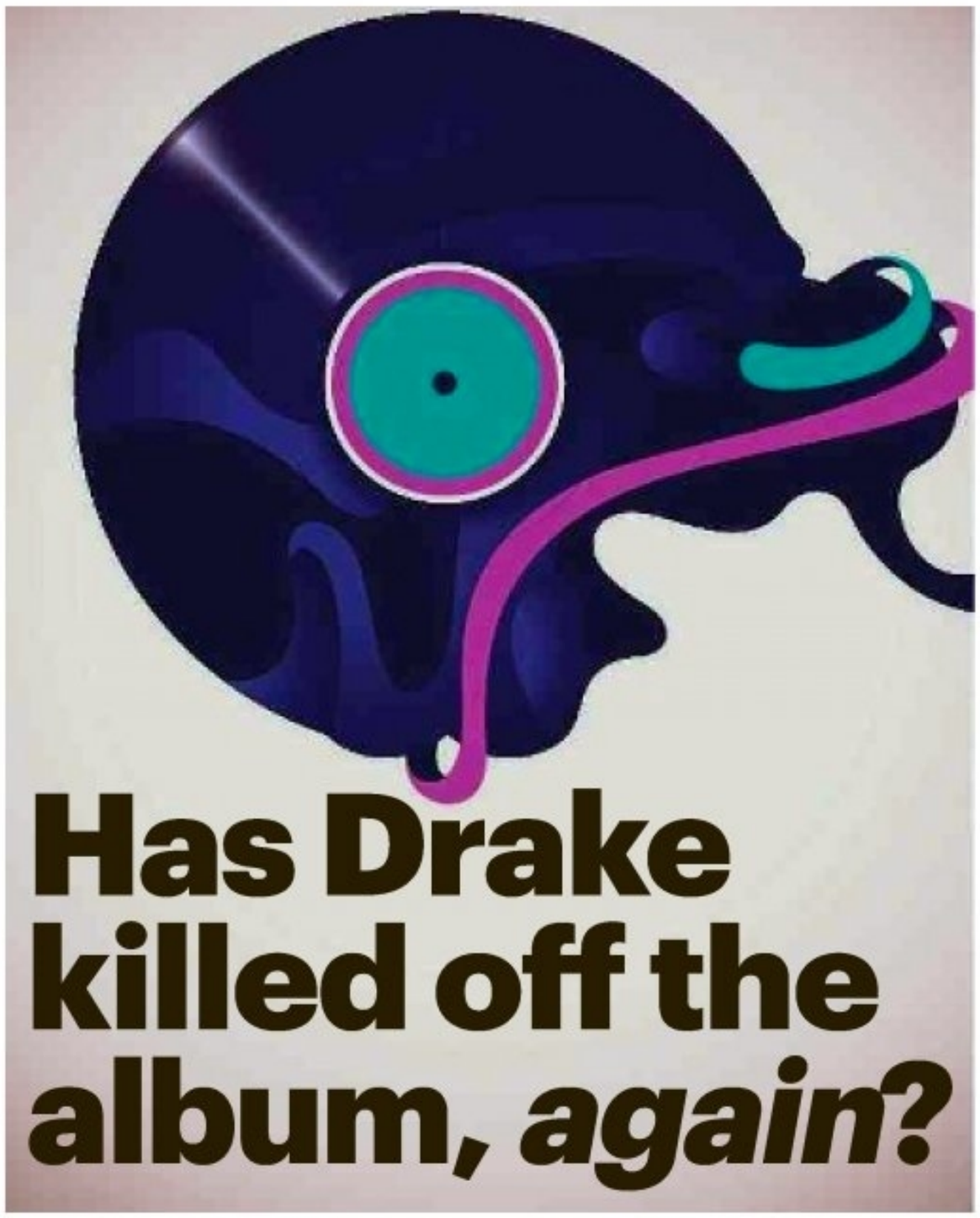

Has Drake killed off the album, *again*?

The great and the good of Canadian music will gather this weekend in the nation's capital and vie for Album of the Year Junos — 25 of them, to be exact.

We shouldn't be surprised that with so many genres to trundle through, it takes two full days for the Juno Awards to run their annual course. The exhaustive list of contenders for various album honours is all the more impressive given the most perplexing question facing today's music industry: do we even know what an album is any more?

The 2017 Junos take place at a time when the country's Billboard Album Chart isn't even topped by an album. Drake's More Life was released March 18 and immediately went in at No. 1.

But Canada's hip hop king insists the 22-track collection is not an album. Nor is it another mixtape (to go with the four of those that he's already released). Instead More Life, fittingly for the streaming era, is a playlist. And it's a hell of a playlist.

More Life is an expansive, expressive journey that won quick critical acclaim and further cemented the Toronto rapper's status as a visionary talent. But through that vision, Drake continues to blur the lines.

"The idea of an album is something that's a relic, right?" says Mark Campbell, a professor in the school of media at Ryerson University and the founding director of Northside Hip Hop Archive, a digital anthology of Canadian hip hop and culture.

"It's something that's not relevant to young people today. But Drake continually pushes up against this idea of an album — his mixtapes, now his playlists. I think it's because he senses that his audience needs to be engaged in a different way. It's really only people like me who are 35 or 40-plus who are actually interested in hearing a cohesive album."

Drake's More Life playlist tops the album charts. GETTY IMAGES

The death of the album has been declared on an all too regular basis since the dawn of digital music. Drake's own 2015 release If You're Reading This It's Too Late was a mixtape that was nominated for a Grammy. Kanye West's The Life of Pablo was "a living, breathing creative expression." Critics pointed to both as signalling the official end of the traditional album.

Last year's industry statistics sum up just how altered the music environment is in the streaming age. In Canada alone, more songs were streamed per day (97M) than were purchased over the entire year (75M.) Total album sales for 2016 (including physical copies, downloads and streams) reached 43.3M but that figure was dwarfed by the 22.3BN total audio streams, according to the in-depth report by BuzzAngle Music.

"The industry didn't really take the album as an artform seriously until the mid 1960s with the Beatles and the Stones and the Summer of Love," Eric Alper, veteran music publicist and analyst, told Metro. "But if you take a look at the superstar artists of today — the Weeknd, Drake, Justin Bieber, Alessia Cara, Shawn Mendes — it's all about the single. It's all about what song are we going to put out now.

It's an environment in which the album as once known by baby boomers and Gen X seems almost quaint. This summer in Canada U2 will kick off a worldwide stadium tour in honour of the 30th anniversary of their flagship album, The Joshua Tree.

But with More Life Drake may also be harking back in his own way — to the golden age of the hip hop mixtape — to stay ahead.

"In one way he's trying to gesture himself forward as someone who is relatable to kids that may have never physically purchased music in their life," says Campbell. "Kids of 17, 18 years old who would never have had the experience of buying a CD."

By calling it a playlist, Drake is branding it as something intimate or personal, Campbell adds.

"When Obama has a playlist on Spotify, it tells you everything we need to know about the era we're living in. People are so detached from each other digitally that we have to find new ways to reconnect. A playlist is a way to do it. Just like the mixtape was."

Alper argues that we shouldn't get so hung up on definitions but embrace the organic meaning of an album and celebrate this era of mass consumption.

"Music has never been more consumed, more talked about at any other time in its history. For $10 I can have access to every single song in recorded history — that's a brilliant thing. So (the album) is whatever the artist wants it to be and it's whatever the fan thinks that it is. We just want to make sure that artists continue to get paid and we have great music at our fingertips."

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Brilla: Juno's lack of women a bad sign

MUSIC INDUSTRY

Singer wants to see a better balance in the industry

Alysha Brilla wasn't surprised by the lack of female representation when this year's Juno Awards nominees were announced.

Years ago, the Waterloo, Ont.-based musician and producer decided to conduct an experiment. She carefully tabulated the gender diversity among Juno nominees and found there wasn't much at all, particularly in the technical categories, which were completely dominated by men.

After scrolling through this year's list of contenders, she concluded little has changed.

FOUR

Brilla points to data that shows only four women have won the producer award in the 45 years that Junos have been handed out; the engineer prize has never gone to a woman.

"I don't want to see women take over the industry. I want to see a balance," says Brilla, a two-time Juno nominee for best adult contemporary album.

All album categories only have one female nominee each. Both the engineer and producer of the year categories don't have a single female nominee.

When Brilla raised the issue with Junos brass in the past the response she got shocked her.

Representatives said better diversity at the Junos would only happen if more women became members of the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (CARAS).

"So I went out and did the work. I solicited every woman I knew who was technically qualified — who works in the industry. I asked artist friends, asked production friends and brought back a couple to them."

She waited until the next year to see if her efforts made a difference in the list of Juno nominees. They didn't, she says.

Sara Quin says the conversation motivated her to write letters to about 250 women in the industry. She plans to urge them to pay the CARAS membership fee, vote and "get more involved."

Musician Alysha Brilla. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's an initiative that sounds familiar to other prominent musicians.

"I did exactly what Sara did — last year," says Amy Millan, a member of Broken Social Scene and Stars.

"I wrote (Sarah) Harmer, Sarah Slean and Jenn Grant and I wrote all these women and said, 'Are you a member of CARAS?' Most of them came back and they said, 'No, because what's the point?' "

Millan doesn't exactly blame the Junos, but she doesn't think it's helping matters either.

She believes the awards show is emblematic of a bigger problem plaguing Canada's music industry and that women aren't getting a fair shake.

Last year, Millan drew attention to a lack of women among the 2016 Juno nominees with the Twitter hashtag #JunosSoMale, a nod to the #OscarsSoWhite movement. It was quickly embraced by other musicians including electro-pop singer Grimes, who is nominated this year for three Junos including alternative album.

Her move also pushed the Junos to respond, with the organization's president saying the Junos are only mirroring the broader music industry.

"We simply reflect what comes to us, what's submitted," says Allan Reid, president of CARAS and the Junos.

Putting the blame on CARAS voters doesn't necessarily make sense either. Overall its membership is 42 per cent female, he notes. Instead, the problem is reflected more clearly in who submits their work to the Junos, Reid argues.

This year, only nine women put their names in for producer of the year among 118 contenders, he says. That's little changed from last year when women represented seven of 119 submissions, either solo or as part of a team.

Winners for the production category are voted on by active members of the Canadian music producer community who are also CARAS members.

Brilla scoffs at the sentiment that women aren't interested in technical work. She believes responsibility lies with the music industry, which she says does little to encourage young women to pursue fields traditionally reserved for men.

"Women aren't making money behind the scenes," she says. "They're often the ones simply fronting the whole operation."

Hill Kourkoutis, a Toronto-based producer, takes a more optimistic outlook on the industry. While she used to frequently encounter people shocked to learn she worked behind a mixing console, she's finding that sentiment is slowly changing.

"There is that stigma to overcome, but that's been experienced in other industries," she says. "It's just a game of catch-up at this point." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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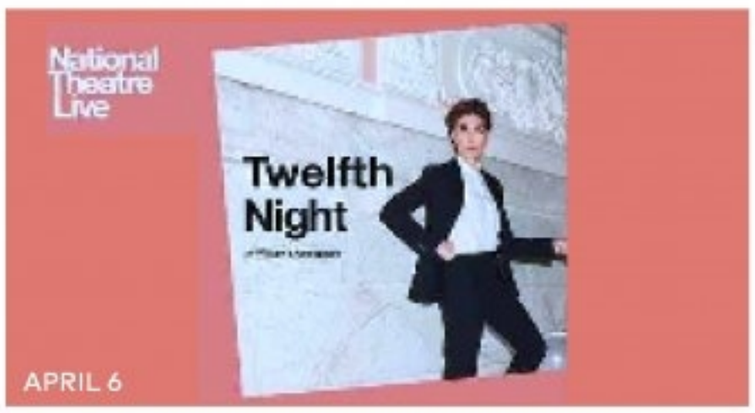

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REVIEW

Casting saves live-action take on manga-anime classic

Anime exemplar Ghost in the Shell was a singular sensation in 1995, boldly anticipating the coming digital world even as it revisited old ideas of human minds inhabiting machine forms.

The new live-action take, starring Scarlett Johansson as a conflicted and butt-kicking cyborg, isn't quite so innovative. The film slavishly revisits not only the original inspiration but such other sci-fi landmarks as Blade Runner and Metropolis, creating an unsettling feeling not unlike the "uncanny valley" effect more common to photorealistic animation.

With Rupert Sanders at the helm, a situation akin to his earlier Snow White and the Huntsman ensues. The picture looks great, with seamless CGI and artful imagery, but the committee-written screenplay is of artificial rather than intelligent design.

Casting saves the movie, notwithstanding the thorny issue of cultural appropriation. Johansson plays a character, known variously as Mira and Major, who was originally drawn as Asian, right back to the 1989 manga that spawned what has become a multimedia franchise.

But talent trumps optics, as Tilda Swinton proved in Doctor Strange, and ScarJo has bona fides to spare: she honed her action chops in The Avengers, rocked alien animus in Under the Skin and clicked a computing mind in She.

Kudos, too, for an uncommonly good supporting cast. Juliette Binoche exudes empathy as not-so-mad scientist Dr. Ouelet, who refines the "cerebral salvage" technique that places the surviving brain of fatally injured Mira — victim of a terrorist attack, she's told — into the curvaceous "shell" of supersoldier Major. She'll be joining the terrorist-fighting Section 9 unit of her Asian metropolis, where humans, machines and holograms jostle.

Scarlett Johansson plays a conflicted and butt-kicking cyborg in the new live-action take on manga/anime classic Ghost in the Shell. CONTRIBUTED

Mira/Major's male foils are macho yet still interesting: Denmark's Pilou Asbaek makes a mean sidekick Batou, despite sporting artificial peepers that regretfully recall Little Orphan Annie; Michael Pitt's brings an Island of Misfit Toys melancholy to his Kuze character, whose subterranean presence and slowly revealed motivations bring needed emotion; and Japanese actor/director "Beat" Takeshi Kitano makes the most of very few words as the unbending Ministry of Defence official who controls Section 9.

All are in service, alas, of a story drawn from an Existentialism 101 course outline, wherein Mira/Major keeps trying to figure out how much of her is human, how much is machine and who's fooling who?

She keeps talking about how she's "the first of her kind," but that sounds even more derivative than it did in 1995. The conceit of a human mind inside of a mechanical body is almost as old as the movies, dating back to the Maria/Maschinenmensch dual character of Fritz Lang's Metropolis, released in 1927.

Mira/Major's government and corporate overlords, of course, would prefer she concentrate more on doing than thinking.

When she stops brooding and gets clobbering, she does so in spectacular fashion, taking on creeps that include a brain-sucking mechanical geisha and a humungous robot spider.

She does it all while dressed in a nude bodysuit that makes her look for all the world like a giant unclothed Barbie doll, an unnecessary concession to series fidelity. Then as now, it's about nothing more than fanboy titillation.

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From the mouths of movie babies

Miles Bakshi lends his voice to Tim, while Alec Baldwin voices the titular Boss Baby in the new Dreamworks animated film. DREAMWORKS ANIMATION VIA AP

NEW RELEASE

Alec Baldwin isn't the first to lend his voice to a newborn

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In the movies anything is possible. Superheroes routinely save the earth, regular folks can afford to live in fancy New York apartments and infants can talk.

This weekend Alec Baldwin lends his distinctive, raspy voice to the title character of The Boss Baby. Based on a 36-page book by Marla Frazee, it's a feature length riff on Look Who's Talking as imagined by Family Guy's Stewie Griffin.

"I may look like a baby but I was born all grown up," Boss Baby boasts as he drops into the Templeton family, upsetting only child Tim's carefree life. Wearing a suit onesie, BB carries a briefcase and speaks the language of the boardroom.

Seems he's from a purveyor of fine babies, a company that supplies tots via a chute. Those who giggle when tickled are placed with families, those who don't, like Boss Baby, are sentenced to a Kafka-esque, humourless life in BabyCorp management, kept infant-sized by special formula.

With lines like, "You know who else wears a diaper? Astronauts," Boss Baby has the movies's best speeches, expertly delivered by Baldwin but he's not the first talking baby to grace the big screen.

Leone LeDoux was an actor who, when she wasn't voicing Minnie Mouse in cartoons of the 1930s and 1940s, made a career out of supplying baby vocals for movies. Some, like her work in the short Water Babies, involved creating child-like sounds for on screen infants while others were more involved. In The Reluctant Dragon she gives voice to child genius Baby Weems.

"You're a quiet little fellow, aren't you?" coos the nurse.

"Well, there really isn't much to talk about," replies Weems.

Other movie babies have had more to say.

Amy Heckerling came up with the idea for the Citizen Kane of talking toddler movies, Look Who's Talking, when she and screenwriter husband Neal Israel were playing with their new baby. "My husband and I started to put words in her mouth...what she might be thinking based on her expressions," she told the Los Angeles Times.

The playful game blossomed into a film starring Kristie Alley, John Travolta and Bruce Willis as the voice of talking newborn Mikey. Heckerling notes that Willis frequently went off script, improvising X-rated lines that couldn't be used in the film.

The movie gave Travolta's career a shot in the arm — he hadn't acted in five years — and started a talking baby trend in pop culture. The next year the sitcom Baby Talk starred the vocal stylings of Tony Danza as Baby Mickey, son of single mom Maggie.

More recently the baritone voiced E-Trade baby, frequently voiced by comedian Pete Holmes, looked to Heckerling's movie for inspiration.

From 2008 to 2014 Elayne Rapping, professor of American Studies at SUNY/Buffalo says the spokesbaby "humanized the whole business of trading. While other babies are just pictures, this one has a personality that is pure pop culture."

Finally, back on the big screen Baby Geniuses sees Kathleen Turner and Christopher Lloyd as scientists who think that babies are born knowing the secrets of the universe.

To learn those secrets they try to decode goo-goo-ga-ga baby talk. Roger Ebert put this movie on his "Most Hated" list and the Stinkers bad Movie Awards nominated Leo, Gerry and Myles Fitzgerald, the triplets who played Sly, the baby genius, as Worst Child Performer.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Ghost in the Shell	★★★
The Boss Baby	★★★
The Zookeeper's Wife	★★★
Obit	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

WARTIME DRAMA

Zookeeper's Wife based on true events

Antonina Zabinski has an idyllic life.

At the Warsaw zoo that she and her husband Jan run, she nurses lion cubs in her home and a young camel dutifully accompanies her as she bicycles on her daily rounds tending to the animals.

All that changes dramatically with the German invasion of Poland and the advent of the Second World War.

Based on a true story, The Zookeeper's Wife chronicles the couple's efforts to rescue Jews from the infamous Warsaw ghetto and to further risk their own lives by housing them secretly in a basement hideout.

"That's why I love animals so much. You look in their eyes and see exactly what's in their hearts," notes Antonina (played by Jessica Chastain).

Certainly, Antonina begins to see the worst in the human beings around her, personified in the form of Lutz Heck (Daniel Bruhl), the chief zoologist for the Nazi regime.

She reluctantly forms an uneasy relationship — one that hints of romance — when Heck nearly uncovers the presence of others in the family home. Inevitably, it causes strains in her marriage.

Director Niki Caro does an able job of capturing the period detail and creating an atmosphere of tension and danger.

Chastain is an appealing protagonist, radiating an aura of determination in the face of uncertainty and adversity — and getting the Polish accent just right.

Johan Heldenbergh plays Jan with a quiet stoicism and strength and the relationship between the two is believable.

The weak link may be the performance of Bruhl as Heck, a character who's more oily than menacing, making him a less-than-persuasive villain.

The film details several key dates in the couple's years-long struggle but their significance won't always be clear to filmgoers without detailed historical knowledge.

History may in fact be the film's biggest challenge in drawing an audience. The period and the monstrous persecution and extermination of Europe's Jews have been covered extensively and memorably in so many other previous films.

While The Zookeeper's Wife is a reasonably accomplished work, it would be difficult to argue that it breaks new ground or offers a fresh perspective on those horrific times. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Zookeeper's Wife stars Jessica Chastain and Johan Heldenbergh and opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

> **That's why I love animals so much. You look in their eyes and see exactly what's in their hearts.**
> Antonina, played by Jessica Chastain

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A man's race to see all 46 parks in Canada's 150th year

John Honderich
For Metro Canada

Winter, as it turns out, is a spectacular time to visit Canada's national parks.

You just have to be prepared to navigate through periodic snow blasts, gale force winds, an avalanche warning here and there, and icy roads. But the rewards are nothing short of breathtaking, particularly in the mountains.

And heck, we are the North. Winter is us, part of our soul. Which is why I decided to visit 10 parks this winter as part of my yearlong odyssey to visit (hopefully) all 46 of Canada's national parks and reserves in honour of our country's 150th birthday.

My itinerary took me to four provinces — Alberta, British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario. My criteria were parks that offered either breathtaking vistas, superb cross-country skiing, intriguing animal experiments (bison breeding) or rugged new terrain.

I was never disappointed, except the one time I was not able to track down the bison herd in Elk Island National Park, just outside Edmonton. It turned out the herd had been shepherded to a remote corner of this postage stamp-sized park. So I had to make do with the stuffed baby bison in the visitors' centre.

The Rocky Mountains in winter have always been an amazing lure, partly for the skiing but mostly for the dramatic kaleidoscope of vistas. There is just something about mile after mile of towering snow-clad cedar forests encircling snow-capped mountains. This explains why I decided to start my odyssey in the Alberta Rockies on New Year's.

My first national park was Waterton Lakes, nestled among majestic peaks at the U.S. border, a few hours south of Calgary.

And it was en route to Waterton that I learned my first enduring lesson. Travelling to these parks takes you to unexpected sites, hidden gems and famous place names you simply hadn't anticipated.

The trip to Waterton, for example, along Alberta's stunning Highway 22, led me to Pincher Creek, which just happens to be the birthplace of a former assistant as well as Canada's Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.

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A few kilometres farther along were signs to Crowsnest Pass, a route synonymous in Canadian history with freight rates and mountain slides. I just had to drive through. Later, I would drive through Kicking Horse Pass in Yoho Park and the highest, Rogers Pass, in Glacier National Park. A trifecta of Canadian railway history.

A different surprise came en route to Bruce Peninsula Park, at the northernmost tip of the Niagara escarpment in Ontario. There, in the Georgian Bay town of Wiarton, was a huge statue in honour of Wiarton Willy, Ontario's foremost predictive groundhog.

And driving back from La Mauricie Park along the shores of the mighty Saint-Maurice River in Quebec, I happened upon a museum to native son Jean Chrétien in Shawinigan. It contained all the gifts the former prime minister received while in office. It was closed for the season.

When it comes to majesty, there is still nothing that matches the mountain splendour of the Icefields Parkway in Jasper. On a frigid, minus-30-degree, cloudless day, the mountains seemed almost to explode in full glory.

Indeed that feeling would reoccur during several drives through the four contiguous national parks — Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay — that form the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site.

Throw in two nearby B.C. parks — Glacier National Park and Mount Revelstoke National Park — and you are left almost breathless by the winter splendour. So, all in all, a good start to my four-season odyssey.

And if I do manage to visit all 46 parks, Parks Canada says I might even get a lifetime pass!

This is one in a series of columns by John Honderich, chairman of the board of Torstar, as he attempts to visit all of Canada's national parks during the country's 150th birthday year.

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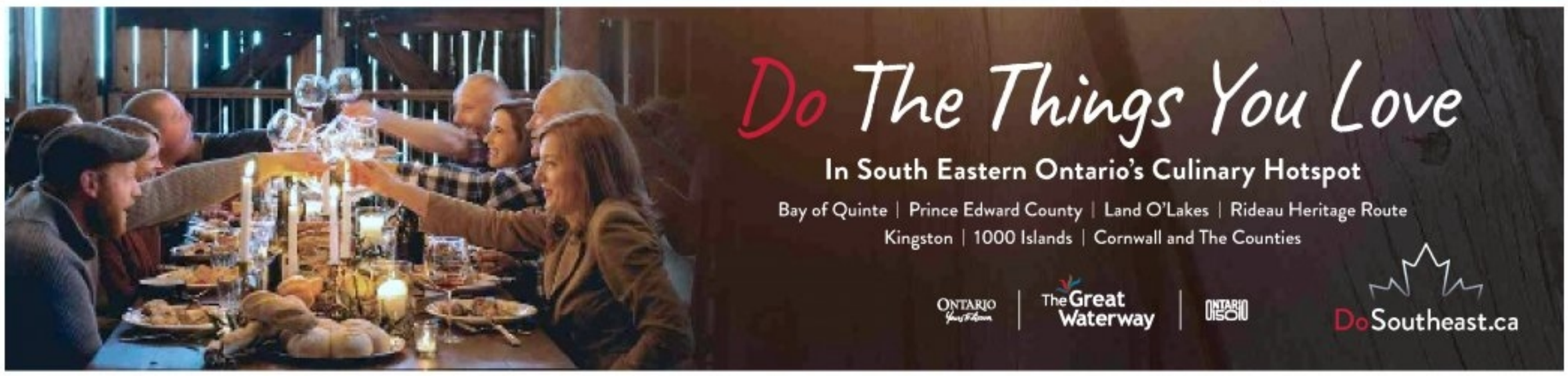

EXPERT INSIGHT

MasterChef Canada Judges Share Their Favourite Ontario Food Experiences

Claudio Aprile and **Michael Bonacini** are known for their distinguished careers at some of the country's best restaurants and as judges on CTV's *MasterChef Canada*. They may not always have the same opinion on TV, but Aprile and Bonacini both agree that Ontario is home to world-class food and drink. They share some lessons from their kitchens, what makes a great restaurant experience, and some of their favourite Ontario delicacies.

>> Q&A with CLAUDIO APRILE

Mediaplanet What is your favourite dish to make with mushrooms, as they are in season?
Claudio Aprile I have all the time in the world for great mushrooms. A very simple thing I like to do is caramelized mushrooms. Caramelization of vegetables is a great way to extract flavour. Get some great local mushrooms — perhaps some chanterelles — and caramelize with some whole butter and some really great Reggiano on toast with olive oil. It's a match made in heaven.

MP What are your thoughts on restaurants that focus on local ingredients?
CA Local food restaurants can be very compelling and very exciting. I think a restaurant that's doing local food needs to be creative. There needs to be a real element of surprise with some of the dishes. I want the chefs to reveal something new, something I haven't had before and that speaks to who they are.

MP Do you have any favourite foods or beverages produced in Ontario?
CA I go crazy when berry season hits. Mushroom season. It's really one of the most exciting times to be a chef. There are so many wonderful things coming out of the ground. I think Prince Edward County is on the verge of becoming our own Napa Valley within the next decade. It's really exciting to see how these small, boutique purveyors are producing world-class products. Norman Hardie wines are the best in the world. Cookstown Greens grows some of the most incredible produce you can find anywhere. Herbs by Daniel are phenomenal as well.

>> Q&A with MICHAEL BONACINI

MP What area do you consider to be a well-kept culinary secret in Ontario?
MB We have a country home up in Caledon. For me, my wife, and my son it holds a special place in our hearts. Up at our country home we are lucky that we are able to forage for mushrooms. We can also grab some crab apples and lamb's quarters or venison, and whip up a ragout with them. Everything feels so local and proper and right and respectful. It adds a special feeling of place and time because you get a bit of a backstory.

MP What do you love about farmers' markets?
MB There's a sense of excitement. A thrill. It's feeling that you're doing good for yourself, for the community, for that particular grower. Having a taste of country living and healthy lifestyle. I think it supports and encourages and grows that community. I think it's an important part of our culinary ecosystem.

MP What is your favourite dish to make with fiddleheads, as they are in season?
MB The season for fiddleheads in Ontario is fairly short and brisk. You use it whenever and wherever you can. You use it as a side vegetable; you make a nice soup out of it. You use it as part of a ragout with other vegetables. You use it in pasta dishes. You go to town because you know the season is short and sweet.

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Four Fabulous Reasons to **Buy and Eat Local**

1 Buying local supports *local children*

Foodland Ontario partners with the Dietitians of Canada, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, and the Ministry of Education to support healthy food initiatives in schools, all while contributing to local food sales. Last year the Fresh from the Farm school fundraising program involved students from 665 schools, selling almost $1.7 million in local produce to Ontario families.

Farm to table tip: Visit local farms with your family or class and talk to them about the difference you make when you buy local.

2 Buying local supports *local communities*

In total, rural Ontario supports 1.2 million jobs and contributes approximately $106 billion to the provincial economy. Every time you buy local, you make a positive impact and support economic growth in Ontario. You also help build a strong sense of community by supporting Ontario's farmers and businesses.

Farm to table tip: Ask for local food at restaurants and everywhere you buy food.

3 Buying local supports *the environment*

Ontario farmers take pride in being good stewards of the land, helping to preserve it for future generations. Buying local means your food comes from closer to home, meaning you can buy food at the peak of freshness. It also means it has less distance to travel, lowering emissions that contribute to climate change.

Farm to table tip: Keep your environment fresh by serving freshness every day, with delicious recipes featuring local ingredients.

4 Buying local is *easy, healthy, and tasty*

Adding nutritious Ontario foods to your diet, such as lean meats, eggs, fruits, and vegetables, has never been easier and can help contribute to a healthier lifestyle. Best of all, they taste great! Foodland Ontario has more than 1,400 partners using the Foodland Ontario logo, and the Foodland Ontario website has a host of resources to help you buy and eat local.

Farm to table tip: Look for the Foodland Ontario logo when shopping at your grocery store, farmers' market, and on-farm market.

By Gavin Davidson

INSIGHT

Something's **Brewing** in Rural Ontario

Explore Ontario's unique flavours on a ***Brewery Discovery Route***

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Brewery Discovery Routes offer suggestions for daytrips that will satisfy your sense of adventure. Each map is an invitation to visit the amazing breweries, restaurants, and farmers' markets that are breathing new life into Ontario's countryside. The project is a partnership between the Greenbelt Fund, Ontario Craft Brewers, Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Ontario Craft Cider Association, regional tourism organizations, and a number of other culinary and tourism groups.

"We tend to think we need to go somewhere else for those experiences," says Susan Murray of the Greenbelt Fund. "But what people are able to do here in Ontario is just inspiring."

Brewery Discovery Routes were designed to promote the local food and craft beverage offerings throughout Ontario and its Greenbelt - two million acres of protected farmland and green space. In particular, they highlighted craft breweries, which have become must-visit destinations in 110 communities across Ontario. In response to the popularity of the free, self-guided tour maps, available in print or online, new routes are being designed for other parts of Ontario.

"A lot of hard work goes into the planning of these maps," says Frances Pairaudeau, Project Manager of the Brewery Discovery Routes. The carefully curated routes feature only independent businesses that use local ingredients in their products. Whether it's a craft beer or cider, a multi-course dinner, or a farmers' market's diverse wares, the best Ontario has to offer can be found along Brewery Discovery Routes.

Travellers on the routes come face-to-face with the brewers, chefs, and farmers who turn Ontario's agricultural bounty into an economic engine. There is no better way to understand the impact of eating and drinking locally than meeting the rural entrepreneurs whose crops move from farm to table, growing their businesses and offering an experience of taste and place found nowhere else.

"Brewery Discovery Routes are a way of connecting Ontarians with the bounty and joy of the greenbelt and Ontario in a way they were not able to before," says Pairaudeau.

By Rob Csernyik

More Selection at Farmers' Markets

Farmers use new Greenbelt fund to increase product quality, variety, and more.

Shoppers expect selection and value everywhere — even at a farmers' market. This isn't always easy for small farms and food entrepreneurs to offer. However, visitors to Greenbelt Farmers' Market Network (GFMN) markets are now enjoying more fresh, local food options than ever before thanks to the network's Production Opportunities Program.

The Production Opportunities Program offers farmers the chance to apply for between $500 and $2,000 of matching funding to help them pursue new projects for their businesses. The goal is simple: expand the offerings to customers at GFMN markets and help farmers and food entrepreneurs build more sustainable businesses with improved quality of products, increased production efficiency, and extended seasonal availability.

"We want to see our farmers thrive," says Anne Freeman of the GFMN. "Not just barely get by."

The opportunities farmers are pursuing are just as unique as they are. Some Production Opportunities Program participants have invested in greenhouse or storage upgrades to extend their selling season. Others have added value to their food products by reducing waste or creating prepared foods. Even though the investment is small, Freeman says it can make a big impact.

"There are all these small improvements happening that add up to a better experience when you go to markets," she says. "You get more choice, more fun, and more things that you might not expect to find."

By Rob Csernyik

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This spring look for additional itineraries, bringing you even more options for experiencing taste of place in Ontario's countryside.

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This project is supported by the Local Food Literacy stream of the Greenbelt Fund's Investment Fund, increasing awareness of local food and beverage possibilities.

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- ✓ **Meats** Classic staples like beef, chicken and pork, along with venison, duck and lamb.
- ✓ **Dairy** Cheeses, ice cream, local butter, and goat products.
- ✓ **Value-added** Jams, pies and baked treats, vinegars, sauces, and preserves.
- ✓ **Local VQA wines** and **craft beers.**

Along with enjoying a cold beer on a sunny patio, taking a weekend trip to a cottage, and breaking out the barbeque again, spring means the return of local Farmers' Markets across the Greenbelt. Farmers' Markets bring growers to shoppers, putting a face to the folks who feed cities.

Since the Greenbelt was first established in 2005, protecting prime agricultural land and the viability of farming, the number of Farmer's Markets in the region has doubled. More and more, people want to take advantage of Ontario's growing season and buy local produce, cheeses, meats, and eggs.

75% of residents prefer to buy local food

The above result is good news for farmers – a reliable and growing market for their products. It's good news for the economy – keeping food dollars in Ontario and supporting the agricultural sector. And it's also good for the planet – reducing the distance our food travels to get to us means reducing carbon emissions and creating a more sustainable food system.

The Greenbelt Fund has invested in supporting the Greenbelt Farmers' Market Network to work with more than 30 farmers to enhance their ability to meet demand at farmers' markets. The funding allowed farmers to introduce new products, scale up, extend the growing season, and improve quality and value. The Greenbelt Fund works across the province to bring more Ontario food to Ontario plates.

Make Farmers' Markets part of your summer routine. Visit **www.greenbeltfresh.ca** to find the local markets in your community.

EXPERT INSIGHT

Local Craft Breweries and Tourism

Encouraging our readers to indulge in local culinary and recreational experiences this Spring.

Mirella Amato
Master Cicerone™ and a Sensory Evaluation Specialist

Beer is Canada's most popular adult beverage, and with 40 percent of the country's breweries located in Ontario, there is a surplus of options for local craft brew. Mirella Amato is a Master Cicerone™ and a sensory evaluation specialist from Ontario. She has spent the last 10 years dedicated to the advancement of local beer and the art of beer appreciation through her company, Beerology.

Mediaplanet Mirella, you've been in the craft brewing industry since 2007. How has the industry evolved in the past 10 years?

Mirella Amato Amazingly, I must say! The craft beers in Ontario have always been great, as far as I can remember; what has changed is the number of breweries and the variety of brews available. When I founded Beerology in 2008, craft beer was just starting to gain attention outside of the narrow — but incredibly enthusiastic and supportive — circle of fans that had followed it since the 80s. The foodie movement in Ontario was in full bloom and, having embraced local food and local wines, was turning its attention to beer. The interest in local craft brews has since grown dramatically, opening the door for the current craft beer explosion.

MP What does craft beer mean to you?

MA Craft beer, to me, means variety. The craft beer movement was born in the 80s as a reaction to the beer landscape at the time, which was quite flat. The vast majority of the beers available in Canada at that time — with the exception of a few imports — were golden lagers in the 4–5 percent alcohol range. Those beers have their time and place, but as a Master Cicerone™, I need a wide palette of flavours and styles to work with. Clearly, I can't recommend the same type of beer to serve with a beef Wellington as I would with a kale salad!

MP How, in your opinion, do craft breweries add to local culinary experiences?

MA There are two ways in which breweries contribute to the local culinary experience. Firstly, beer is fantastic with food. I'm so happy to see beer find its place in gastropubs and restaurants. I was reading recently that Canadian chefs have identified craft beer as the top trend in the restaurant industry for the third year in a row, which is wonderful. Secondly, many craft breweries are still small and local. Whenever I visit a new town or city, I make sure to look up and visit local brewpubs. I've also learned to do this at the very beginning of my stay, because not only are they a great place to discover new brews, they're also a social hub. I've often found myself sharing a pint with locals at the bar, and getting the inside scoop on local festivals and places to visit in the area.

MP You started your company, Beerology, to promote your own local Ontario brews. How does Ontario's agricultural landscape lend its hand to creating unique craft beer?

MA What's interesting with beer, when compared to wine, is that there isn't as strong a link to provenance. The character of a wine is tightly linked to geography and terroir. Making beer, however, is closer to cooking. Brewers can source various ingredients from all over the planet and blend them in any way they please. What's interesting to see is that many craft brewers are looking for ways to introduce local flavours into their brews, for example by using locally grown pumpkins in the fall brew, or making a special beer with foraged berries or indigenous plants. An increasing number of brewers are also partnering with wineries and distilleries in order to age beers in previously used barrels, to great result.

WHY A Local Chef Is Passionate about **Local Food**

John Morris, Executive Chef at 360 The Restaurant at the CN Tower, is known for for his imaginative culinary work using local Canadian ingredients. His passion for market-fresh cuisine is shown through pairings of locally sourced ingredients, wine, and craft beer.

Mediaplanet Your career has given you the opportunity to work all over the country. What is it about Toronto's culinary culture that excites you?

John Morris Toronto is a wonderful mosaic of cultures and cuisines. Exciting things are always happening in the food world here, with continuous growth and fresh influences. At the same time, Toronto is a city steeped in — and fiercely proud of — its culinary roots and traditions.

MP What culinary experience led to your passion for local ingredients?

JM From an early age, I developed an appreciation for local ingredients. Dad always had a garden so I learned very early on that the freshness of food makes all the difference in flavour, visual appeal, and nutrition. It only makes sense that you want your sources to be nearby.

"Dad always had a garden so I learned very early on that the freshness of food makes all the difference in flavour, visual appeal, and nutrition."

MP Why is it important to buy locally grown food?

JM There are so many great reasons to do the right thing here. In random order, as they are all of great importance:

- Less carbon footprint in terms of shorter transportation distances.
- Developing relationships with like-minded, food-loving individuals in your community.
- Supporting local economies.
- Providing an authentic experience of your region for guests to enjoy, a taste of place.

MP What ingredients can we expect to see on your menu this summer?

JM *360* Restaurant's summer menu will showcase many incredible offerings featuring the best of Canadian and local Ontario ingredients, a sampling includes:

- Greens from The New Farm in Creemore
- Cheeses from Monforte Dairy in Stratford
- Cheeses from Fromagerie Kapuskoise in Kapuskasing
- Back Forty Artisan Cheese in Mississippi Station
- Cranberry bannock from flour milled at k² Milling in Beeton
- King Cole duck from Newmarket
- Pork from Perth County

The *360* summer menu will launch in early May. Visit cntower.ca/360 to view menus, By the Glass cellar picks and to make your reservation. Reservations are recommended. Guests are treated to a spectacular revolving view of Toronto from their table located 351 metres above the city. Elevation to *360* Restaurant and access to the LookOut and Glass Floor levels of the CN Tower, following your meal, are complimentary with the purchase of a prix fixe by each guest.

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How Classical Music Fits into Toronto's Musical Culture

British Columbia native **Jonathan Crow** has lived in Toronto for the past five seasons as Concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He has performed throughout North America, South America, and Europe, recorded for several labels, and currently teaches young musicians how to play the classical violin.

MP Being a classical violinist has no doubt taken you on an exciting life adventure. Where did your love of music begin?

JC I started playing violin in the Suzuki program, and what I first loved was the whole social aspect and getting to perform with my friends from a young age. When we think of sports we always think team and having the chance to work together for a communal goal. Playing in a string quartet or an orchestra is very similar, and just as rewarding.

MP Has your favourite genre always been classical?

JC I've loved many kinds of music, but early violin training is almost always classical, as this foundation makes it easier to branch out later in life to other fields. While I love jazz, I've never had much time to expand my horizons beyond the classical field, as I still have so much to learn with the repertoire I'm focusing on. I really envy people who can seamlessly move back and forth between genres.

MP How would you describe Ontario's music scene?

JC I feel lucky to live in a province as vibrant and multicultural as Ontario. On any given night there are dozens of events ranging from opera, symphony concerts, and small jazz performances at great local venues to pop-up concerts in people's homes, all performed by musicians influenced by different cultures from across the globe!

MP What is it about playing in Toronto that makes it so special?

JC Toronto is one of the world's great cities. Just like New York, London, and the great cultural capitals across the globe, Toronto is beginning to take its place on the world stage as a destination city, and a place that people come to perform to show that they are world-class.

Country Music Artists and Fans Mark Canada Day with Boot Stompin' Festival

London native **Genevieve Fisher** won't be tanning or flipping burgers on the long weekend marking Canada's 150th birthday. Instead, one of Canada's brightest young country music stars will be performing at the Trackside Music Festival in her hometown.

Fisher, whose song *Take It On Home* recently climbed to No. 30 on the Canadian country music charts, is one of 13 artists who will appear on the main stage in the Western Fair District during the two-day festival (July 1–2).

Some of the top names in country music will be in the lineup, including Thomas Rhett and Kip Moore. They will be headlining on the first and second days, respectively.

"I'm really looking forward to performing at this festival," says Fisher, who has recorded four other top 50 hits and has received three Female Artist of the Year nominations from the Country Music Association of Ontario. "I usually get nervous before my shows, but that won't happen this time because I'll be in my hometown with my family and friends there to support me."

Fisher is also enthusiastic about the Home Grown Showcase, in which six up-and-coming Ontario music acts will perform on the Side-Track Stage. "This gives new artists a chance to show what they've got in front of a huge crowd," she says. "It's amazing for them to get that kind of exposure."

Fisher has appeared at some of the biggest music festivals in Canada, but she sees this one as "a little extra special" — mostly because it's in her hometown but also because of the venue. "Most festivals are held in grassy areas, but this one is on a horse racetrack," she says. "So even though it's being held in London, it's going to have a real country feel."

By Randi Druzin

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FIFA has proposed a six-team playoff for the final two spots in the World Cup's expanded 48-team tournament lineup, starting in 2026

Pain lingers but Drew wants Moor of the same

MLS

TFC defender anxious to get home schedule underway

Drew Moor has seen BMO Field nearly every day since Toronto FC's MLS Cup final loss — the stadium's within view from his home.

Those glimpses of the scene of December's heartbreaking penalty shootout defeat against the Seattle Sounders didn't bother him, he said, but returning to the field for the first time sure did.

"I still had a bitter taste in my mouth when I walked through the tunnel," said the veteran defender. "As soon as I could see the field it was, 'Let's get to Friday night so we can get on with 2017.'"

Toronto kicks off its home campaign Friday with a visit from Sporting Kansas City, a matchup of clubs that have posted remarkably similar records. Both teams started with two ties, notched their first win and then had a bye in week four.

Heading into Friday night's match, they're among just four unbeaten teams left in MLS, but sit fifth in their respective conference standings.

TFC picked up road points against Real Salt Lake and Philadelphia before things started to click in a 2-0 victory over Vancouver last time out on March 18. Kansas City, meanwhile, tied D.C. United on the road before a home draw with FC Dallas and a 2-1 win over the San Jose Earthquakes.

Reds coach Greg Vanney expects the buzz of the home crowd to help his team shake off any rust from the lengthy layoff.

"I expect a lot of energy from our guys," he said. "I think we want to push the tempo of the game a little bit more than where we were on the road, and I think we need to be a little bit sharper."

He'll have close to a full squad to work with now that star striker Sebastian Giovinco — hurt in TFC's second match and unavailable for the third — is back from a leg injury. Vanney says the down time might have done the 2015 league MVP some good.

Toronto FC players react after losing the MLS Cup final to the Seattle Sounders at BMO Field in December. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"It gave us a couple of weeks to really push him fitness-wise, when he was feeling better. He looks sharp as ever, motivated as ever," Vanney said.

Captain Michael Bradley, leading scorer Jozy Altidore and midfielder Armando Cooper are all back from international duty and should play, though Vanney cautioned that they might be limited after heavy action and travel with their national teams.

"Obviously winning the game is a priority, but making sure that we get through the weekend and we don't put anybody in a tough situation is also a major priority," he said. "This is one game. We don't want to put anybody at risk."

If they're anything like Moor, they'll be itching to get on the field. The home opener, he says, is like Christmas morning to players.

"(BMO Field) is such a special place," said Moor. "I know everybody — the fans, certainly — it seems like on social media are so excited. We're right there with them."

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> **I still had a bitter taste in my mouth when I walked through the tunnel. As soon as I could see the field it was, 'Let's get to Friday so we can get on with 2017.'** Drew Moor

IN BRIEF

Poulin to captain Canada

Marie-Philip Poulin has been named Canada's captain for the 2017 women's world hockey championship.

Haley Irwin, Brianne Jenner and Natalie Spooner will rotate as alternate captains for the tournament that Canada kicks off Friday against the defending champion U.S.

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Argos re-sign RB Whitaker

The Toronto Argonauts have re-signed star running back Brandon Whitaker.

Whitaker was named an East Division all-star last season after racking up 1,009 yards and three TDs on 189 carries, becoming the 41st player in CFL history to rush for 5,000 career yards in the process.

Whitaker also set a career-high in 2016 with 81 receptions, which he translated into 549 yards and four touchdowns.

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FINAL FOUR SCHEDULE

Saturday at Glendale, Ariz.

- Gonzaga vs. South Carolina, 6:09 p.m.
- North Carolina vs. Oregon, 8:49 p.m.

*All times Eastern

Oregon player Dillon Brooks of Mississauga

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MLB

Players to keep an eye on in AL East

The regular season officially kicks off Sunday afternoon when the Tampa Bay Rays host the New York Yankees, one of three games on the day.

Staying in the American League East, here are five players that could be on the cusp of superstardom.

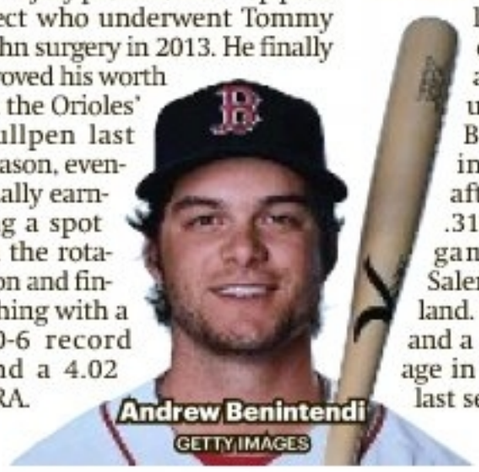
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

DYLAN BUNDY
SP Baltimore Orioles

Blue Jays fans will get an early look at the right-hander, who is set to pitch against lefty J.A. Happ on Wednesday. Bundy is an injury-prone former top prospect who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2013. He finally proved his worth in the Orioles' bullpen last season, eventually earning a spot in the rotation and finishing with a 10-6 record and a 4.02 ERA.

ANDREW BENINTENDI
OF Boston Red Sox

Spoiler alert for those who haven't read this year's top 100 prospects lists: the Red Sox outfielder is ranked No. 1 by both Baseball America and MLBPipeline.com. Benintendi earned a call-up with Boston in August after batting .312/.378/.532 in 97 games with Class-A Salem and Double-A Portland. He had a .295 average and a .359 on-base percentage in 34 big-league games last season.



Andrew Benintendi
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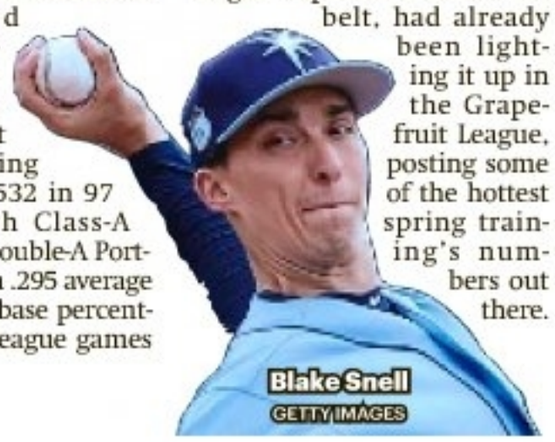
GREG BIRD
1B New York Yankees

When Alex Rodriguez compares you to Yankees legend Don Mattingly people take notice. The catcher-turned-first-baseman, who has just one year of major-league experience under his belt, had already been lighting it up in the Grapefruit League, posting some of the hottest spring training's numbers out there.



Blake Snell
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BLAKE SNELL
SP Tampa Bay Rays

The 24-year-old struck out 98 batters in 89 innings last year as a rookie, earning himself a 6-8 record with a 3.54 ERA. Some thought last season would be Snell's breakout year, but the Rays handled him with care. This year, penciled in at fourth in the rotation, the chance is truly there.

DEVON TRAVIS
2B Toronto Blue Jays

For much of spring training, Travis was an early season question mark thanks to off-season knee surgery. But with the second baseman looking healthy, fans can dare to dream. Travis has 19 home runs and 85 RBIs in 627 plate appearances, not to mention a team-leading .300 average in 2016.

Devon Travis
THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

China to host first NHL games during pre-season
The NHL will play its first games in China this fall.
The league announced Thursday that the Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks will meet in two pre-season matches, Sept. 21 in Shanghai and Sept. 23 in Beijing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canes rally for OT victory
Noah Hanifin scored in overtime and the Carolina Hurricanes rallied to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 2-1 on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THIS WEEKEND

DATING DIARIES

Jenny and Russ were having a great date – until someone else showed up unexpectedly. Catch this week's story on Saturday in Toronto Star Touch.

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LEAFS ON THE PROWL AGAINST PREDATORS Maple Leafs goalie Frederik Andersen makes a save ahead of Predators left-winger Viktor Arvidsson on Thursday in Nashville. Go to metronews.ca for the story. MARK ZALESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bolts clip Red Wings

NHL

Second-period power-play goals lead to Lightning win

Alex Killorn and Jonathan Drouin scored power-play goals 1:51 apart late in the second period and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-3 on Thursday night.

J.T. Brown, Andrej Sustr and Yanni Gourde also scored for the Lightning. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 31 saves.

Tampa Bay, which played without 38-goal scorer Nikita Kucherov due to illness, swept the five-game season series with the Red Wings.

Detroit got goals from Frans Nielsen, Danny DeKeyser and Mike Green. Petr Mrazek stopped 26 shots.

After Sustr put Tampa Bay up 2-1 early in the second, DeKeyser was involved in the final three goals of the period.

DeKeyser tied it at 2 on his first goal in 25 games, a shot that went off Lightning defenceman Jake Dotchin.

Mrazek stopped Killorn's power-play shot, but DeKeyser put the puck into his own net while attempting to clear it at 16:13.

With DeKeyser off for cross-checking, Drouin made it 4-2 on a shot from the right circle with 1:56 left.

Gourde scored early in the third period, and Green followed with a power-play goal minutes later.

Nielsen and Brown, who stopped a 45-game goal drought, had first-period goals.

Tampa Bay began the day just three points behind Boston for the second wild-card position in the East. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TIGHT RACE

Boston, which began the day with the East's second wild-card spot but just one point behind Toronto for the third position in the Atlantic Division, defeated Dallas 2-0 on Thursday night.

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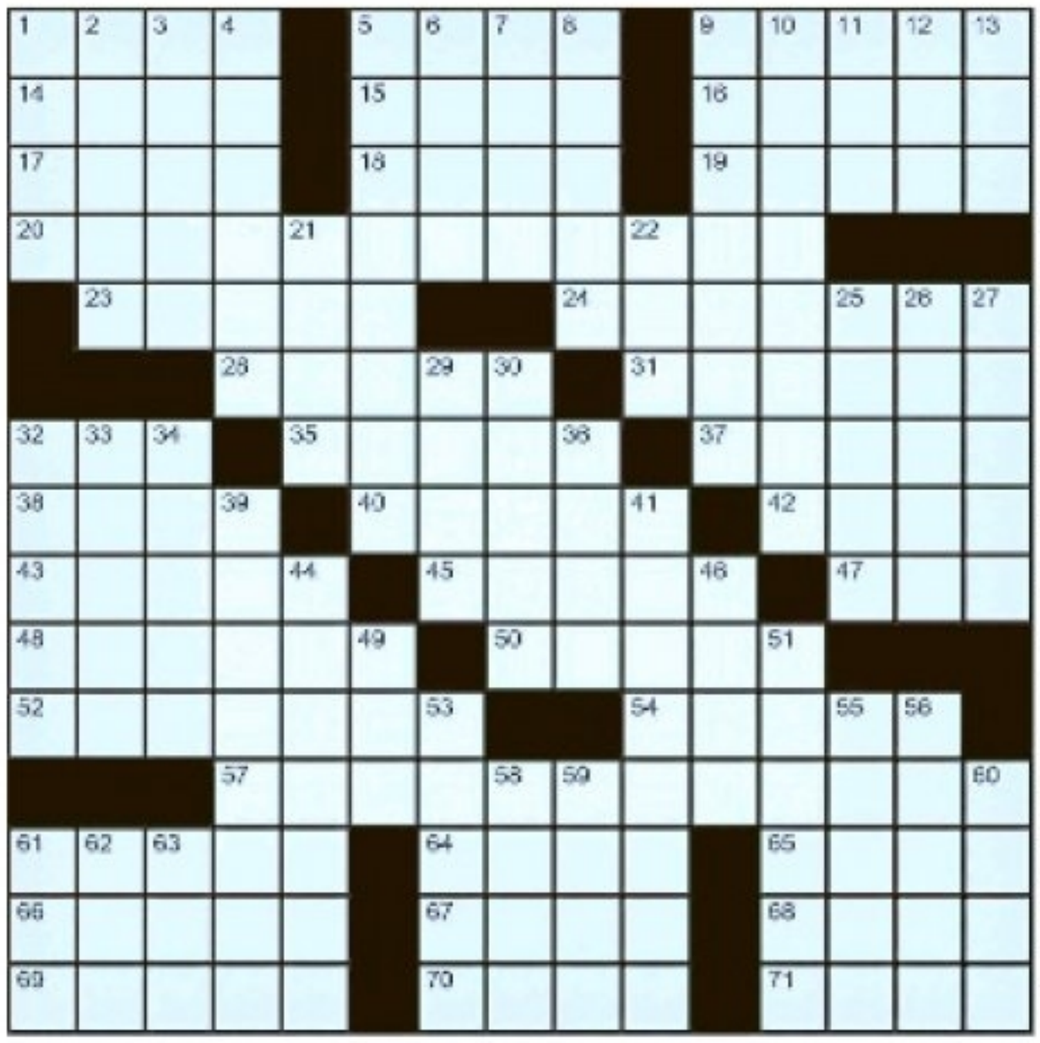

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17. Aggravate
18. Former musical comedy on FOX
19. Up to now: 2 wds.
20. Performance centre in Montreal: 3 mots
23. Showbiz news show hosted by Mario Lopez
24. __ Party of Canada
28. River sediments
31. Switzerland city
32. Sugar amt.
35. Roman goddess of agriculture
37. Wallet item, __ card
38. Gets by, just barely
40. One with a pad and paper
42. Food Network creation
43. Sacred temple practices
45. Ornamental edging of loops
47. Anonymous surname
48. Angel
50. Taboos
52. "Cool It Now" by New __
54. "Boo! Boo!"
57. 'B' of CBC
61. Sleeping problem
64. Jam-in together
65. "Hop __ __!" (Get moving)
66. Pop into the freezer
67. Uncommon
68. Root that's edible
69. Places at a slant
70. __ and flows
71. Robin Colcord's portrayer on "Cheers", Roger __

DOWN
1. __ speed, as on "Star Trek"
2. Banish
3. Put up your feet and stay awhile
4. Chooses a candidate
5. Gulf of St. Lawrence archipelago, __ Islands
6. 'Obtain' suffix
7. So-so grades
8. Pilfer
9. __ truck
10. Diminished
11. "Poison __" by The Coasters
12. Maiden name word preceder
13. Become
21. Mr. Stoltz of movies
22. Tractor trailer
25. Raise one's paddle at the auction another time
26. Notice/warning, in Spain
27. Workshop machine
29. French for 'too much'
30. __ __ stone (Unchangeable)
32. Succinct
33. Went to Whistler
34. Agar-holding lab dish
36. Like dry Spanish wine
39. Car safety device
41. Glace Bay, Nova Scotia born stand-up comedian: 2 wds.
44. Coils
46. Pump parts
49. Which person, wondered the owl?
51. Jet-__ (World traveller)
53. Mother-of-pearl
55. __ __ Janeiro
56. Like a nasty comment
58. Dullsville
59. Atkins = Low-__ diet
60. Ronny & The Daytonas cars
61. Take steps
62. __ Beta Kappa
63. Naught

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You're full of big ideas today because you're in such a positive frame of mind. Enjoy discussions with siblings, neighbors and relatives. (They will be impressed.)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Business and commerce are favoured today, because you are in a moneymaking frame of mind. Furthermore, you're not afraid to entertain ambitious ideas. Good stuff!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign and you feel content and happy. It's a good day for business. It's also a good day to enjoy family activities at home.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Today you will prefer to work behind the scenes or perhaps alone. It's also a good day to research and look for answers to old problems.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Relationships with friends and group members will be upbeat and positive today. Make an effort to be sociable and friendly, because you are the one who will get a pleasant payoff.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You make a great impression on bosses and VIPs today. In fact, work-related travel or talking to people from other cultures is likely for some of you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do something different today. Shake up your routine. You have an urge for adventure and you also want to learn something new. Go someplace you have never been before

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to discuss shared property and issues related to insurance, wills, inheritances and anything that you own jointly with others. Things will likely go in your favor.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This simply requires some tolerance, patience and co-operation.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something to get better organized today. Make your workstation or where you live a bit neater. Tidy things up.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a playful, fun-loving day. It's also a good date day. Plan to have fun activities with children, friends and loved ones. Sporting events particularly will appeal.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You might want to cocoon at home today and just relax. Today pleasure appeals more than work — that's for sure. Take some time off just for yourself, because you deserve it.

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